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In preparation for June 25 public hearing . . .

COUNTY POSTS ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED SALE OF CITIZENS-MONTEVUE FACILITY ON WEBSITE

FREDERICK, MD – The Frederick Board of County Commissioners today posted information on the county website related to the proposed sale of the Citizens Care & Rehabilitation Center (CCRC) and the Montevue Assisted Living Facility (MALF) to Aurora Health Care Management LLC. The facility is located in a shared building at 1910 and 1920 Rosemont Avenue, Frederick, Md.

The county website set up last year to provide information to the public about the potential sale of CCRC/MALF (www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/CCRC-MALoptions) now contains an analysis of Aurora Holdings VII, LLC's best and final offer, the estimated effect on the county's General Fund FY2014-2017 budgets, and other related information.

At the board's direction, county staff has prepared the financial information and analysis in advance of a public hearing on a proposal by Aurora to purchase CCRC/MALF for \$30 million with an agreement to enter into a four-year agreement for resident care services for the current subsidized residents of Montevue Assisted Living.

The financial analysis shows that with the cash purchase price and other county revenues, the debt service on the facility will be paid off entirely.

The public hearing is scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25, at <u>Frederick Community College's</u> Jack B. Kussmaul Theater. The theater is located at 7932 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, Md.

The county commissioners welcome public feedback on the proposal. Citizens may call 301-600-1101 or e-mail all five commissioners at CountyCommissioners@FrederickCountyMD.gov.

Aurora proposes to retain the employees at the facility, provide current pay and provide comparable benefits.

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An evaluation team from Frederick County visited the Aurora facility in Maryland in May and several county commissioners toured the facility on their own. All were impressed with the quality of patient care and the operation as a whole provided by Aurora.

The evaluation team consisted of Financial Services Manager Susan Blum, County Manager Lori Depies, Procurement & Contracting Department Director Diane George, Human Resources Division Director Mitch Hose, Assistant County Attorney Richard McCain, CCRC Board of Trustees Member Vincent Parmesano and Finance Division Acting Director Erin White.

Aurora currently owns and operates seven skilled nursing facilities in Maryland, Connecticut and New Hampshire.

At the public hearing, the board will also discuss the procedures required to disband the Citizens Board of Trustees should an agreement be reached to sell the facility to a private company.

The recent segment of FCG TV's "This Week in Frederick County" features Board President Blaine Young interviewing County Manager Lori Depies, CPA, about the potential sale of the facility. Watch the show at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/media or on YouTube site – Frederick County, MD.

The public hearing will be taped for rebroadcast and will be available for viewing on FCG TV, cable channel 19, and on webcasting at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/media.

For more information visit www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/CCRC-MALoptions or contact Ms. Depies at 301-600-3190 or via e-mail at ldepies@FrederickCountyMD.gov.